

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending. Claims 1-6 and 8-11 are rejected, and claim 7 has been objected to. Claims 1, 2, 7 and 9 are amended, and such amendments are supported by the original disclosure. No new matter is added.

The Examiner has rejected claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite or failing to point out and distinctly claims the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. The Examiner directs that Applicant should specify that the percentage being stated is a weight percentage. Applicants believe that amended claim 2 overcomes the rejection. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are requested.

Claims 1-6, and 9-11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yokota et al. (JP 58-034870). Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection. As amended, Applicants' claim 1 requires greater than 50% by weight of at least one polysiloxane. Applicants' amendment is supported by the original disclosure at page 3, line 31 to page 4, line 14 and Examples 1 and 2. Yokota et al. differs from Applicants' invention in that Yokota et al. discloses from 5-50% of a silicone resin powder. Consequently, each and every limitation in Applicants' invention is not present in Yokota et al. Withdrawal of the rejection is proper.

Applicants' claims 2-6 and 8-11 depend from amended claim 1, incorporate all the limitations of claim 1, and therefore rise and fall with amended claim 1. Reconsideration and withdrawal of claims 2-6 and 8-11 are also requested.

Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yokota et al. (JP 58-034870). Claim 9 is amended to depend from amended claim 1. As claim 1 is non-obvious over Yokota et al., Applicants believe amended claim 9 is now rendered non-obvious. Accordingly, reconsideration of the rejection is requested.

Claim 7 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. Claim 7 is now amended to incorporate the limitations of original claim 1. Applicants believe that claim 7 is now in condition for allowance and the same is requested.



CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that all claims are now in condition for allowance. If anything further is needed to advance prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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